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Gene Comprising It And Transformed Plant"**

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

Amendments to the specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the claims begin on page 3 of this paper.